

ANSON CALL.

JANUARY 15, 1878.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CUMMINGS, from the Committee of Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 781.]

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 781) for the relief of Anson Call, respectfully report:*

The claimant, Anson Call, asks an appropriation of \$17,570 for services as deputy marshal of Utah Territory in the years 1852, 1853, and 1855, in furnishing escort to guard members of the legislative assembly, at a time of Indian disturbances, in going to and from the capital of the Territory, and in furnishing escort to guard the associate justice of the supreme court of Utah through a hostile Indian country from Salt Lake City to Carson Valley, for the purpose of holding court in said latter place.

Mr. Call submits to the committee evidence of his appointment as deputy United States marshal, but no evidence of an order from the United States judge or court for the employment of men as guard to said judge, or any order or authority for the employment of men to guard the members of the Territorial legislature, for which services he makes claim.

The committee is of the opinion that, even if properly authorized to make the employment and do the service for which compensation is asked, the amount claimed is exorbitant and out of all due proportion to the service rendered.

The committee recommend that the bill do not pass.